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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS FOR LEIPZIG FAIR

1. ANTICIPATING THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO A
U.S. STAND BY A " STATE AND PARTY" DELGATION HEADED
BY HONECKER OR ANOTHER SENIOR GDR FIGURE, EMBASSY
HAS DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING REMARKS FOR DELIVERY BY
CHARGE IF SUCH A VISIT TAKES PLACE MARCH 13.
DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
AND GOVERNMENT AND MANY AMERICAN EXHIBITORS AT THE
SPRING 1977 LEIPZIG FAIR I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME
YOU TO THIS EXHIBIT. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE
GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP AND INTEREST THAT YOUR VISIT
REPRESENTS.

3. IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO TELL TO YOU THAT
IN THE MONTHS THAT HAVE PASSED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING
HERE AT THE HISTORIC LEIPZIG FAIR, THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES HAS CONTINUED TO DEVELOP. IN
OCTOBER, WE CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES
AFFAIRS, THE FIRST FORMAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS. IN TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER, STATE
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SECRETARY DR. BEIL AGREED WITH OUR GOVERNMENT THAT
BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD PERIODICALLY TO
REVIEW PROSPECTS AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION IN RESPECT
TO TRADE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IN AGRICULTURAL
COMMODITIES.

4. IN THE SAME PERIOD WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH

YOUR GOVERNMENT EXPANDED CONTACTS IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER FIELDS. THESE STEPS REPRESENT PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE OUR RELATIONS CAN IMPORVE, BUT THIS WILL REQUIRE GREATER EFFORT AN CARE, AND A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THOSE IMPORTANT INTERESTS WE HAVE WHICH INEVITABLY AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

5. MR. CHAIRMAN, THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF MORE THAN SIXTY AMERICAN FIRMS ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE LEIPZIG FAIR TODAY, AND THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS PARTICIPATED. WE HAVE COME TO THIS FAMOUS TRADE FAIR TO MEET WITH OUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES FROM THE GDR AND FROM THE MANY OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE. WE HAVE COME TO BUY AND TO SELL; AND TO EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS, BELIEVING THAT THIS SERVES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEACEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS WE SEEK THROUGHOUTTHE WORLD. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HONORING US WITH YOUR VISIT. END TEXT.
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